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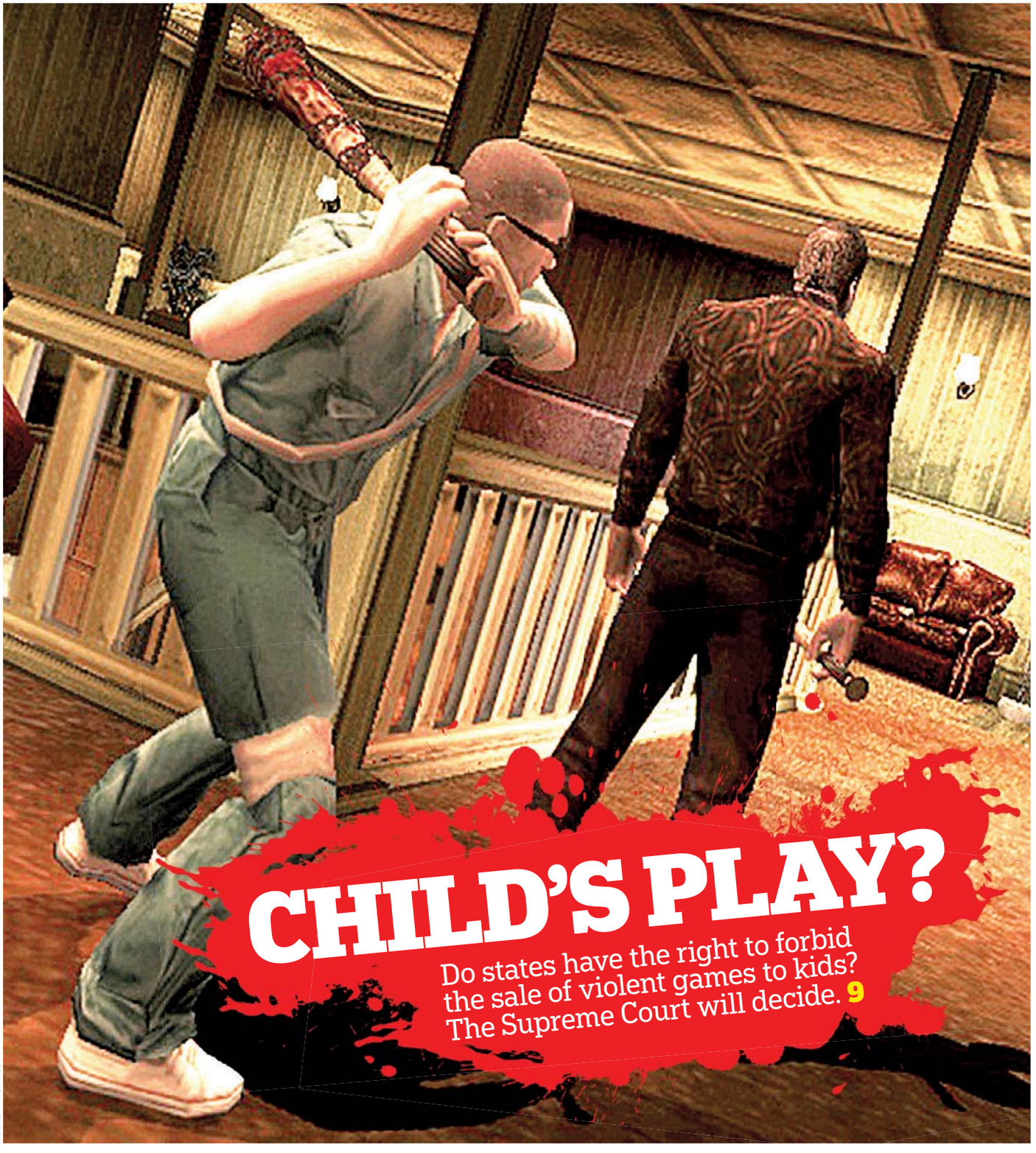

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Lake Charles, La., police say a man who allegedly threw a gun out of a car at a traffic stop has been booked for littering. Police also booked Kenneth Charles Barker on Saturday on a more serious charge of possessing a gun after a felony conviction. A police department spokesman says Barker was a passenger, and the driver was not arrested. **(AP)**

1,000 Miles in 1,000 Years Only Slightly More Tedious

A blind man plans to walk 1,000 miles in 1,000 hours to raise money for vision research. Lee Shayler of Highlands Ranch, Colo., suffers from retinitis pigmentosa. Volunteers guide him as he walks through local parks. At night, Shayler sleeps a little each hour, until someone wakes him up to walk the next mile. **(AP)**

'Help Me! I'm In Danger of Calling a Cab!'

Police arrested a New Haven, Conn., woman Sunday for calling 911 to request a ride home from a nightclub — six times. Quandria Bailey was charged with six counts of misuse of the 911 system. She was released on a $1,000 bond and is scheduled to appear in court May 5. **(AP)**

The Big Picture

KOICHI KAMOSHIDA/GETTY IMAGES

A SUMO WRESTLING STUDENT shows off a fine little screamer at the "crying sumo" competition in Tokyo on Sunday. Pairs of wrestlers face off, each holding a baby aloft; the first infant to cry wins. According to the tradition, a good long cry is good for the babies' health. **(EXPRESS)**

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GOP Blocks Debate on Bank Bill

Dems confident that regulation overhaul will eventually pass

Washington

Undaunted by a Senate setback, Democrats appeared increasingly confident Monday they will be able to take advantage of Americans' anger at Wall Street and push through the most sweeping new controls on financial institutions since the Great Depression.

The Senate, in a 57-41 vote, failed to get the 60 supporters needed to proceed on the regulatory overhaul. Only one Democrat, Sen. Ben Nelson of Nebraska, joined with the Republicans.

But the evening vote was just part of a legislative ballet keeping bipartisan talks alive. At the end, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid switched his vote to "no," too, but that was just a maneuver that will enable him to call for a new tally.

Democrats believe that public pressure and the scent of a Wall Street scandal have given them the upper hand. Republicans have taken up the Democrats' Wall Street-bashing rhetoric and have voiced hope that a bill will ultimately pass.

The financial overhaul bill is a priority of President Obama's and, after health care, its passage would build on his legislative successes — an important political consideration in an election year.

Senate Republicans have been solidly opposed to the legislation so far, but Democrats are determined to force them to block the bill time and again until their unity cracks.

"I don't think it's a tenable political position for the Republicans to be in," White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said.

Richard Shelby, the top Republican on the Banking Committee, said Monday before the vote, "Most Republicans want a bill, but they want a substantive bill."

The Alabama senator has been negotiating changes to the regulatory legislation with committee chairman Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn.

JIM KUHNHENN (AP)

Sens. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., left, and Chris Dodd, D-Conn., are trying to hammer out a compromise version of the regulation bill.

Fight Over Immigration Intensifies In Arizona

Phoenix

The conflict over a sweeping crackdown on illegal immigration in Arizona intensified Monday as vandals smeared refried beans in the shape of swastikas on the state Capitol's windows.

More protests were planned Monday after thousands gathered this weekend to demonstrate against a bill that will make it a state crime to be an illegal immigrant in Arizona.

Opponents say the law will lead to rampant racial profiling and turn Arizona into a police state. But supporters of the law say it is necessary to protect Arizonans from a litany of crimes committed by illegal immigrants.

Arizona officers would arrest people found to be undocumented and turn them over to federal immigration officers. Democratic Rep. Raul Grijalva has asked the federal government not to cooperate with the arrests.

State Sen. Russell Pearce said it's "disappointing" that opponents would call on the government to ignore the law. (AP)

'MURDERABILA'

The Volkswagen camper van Dr. Jack Kevorkian used during his assisted suicide campaign is no longer listed for sale on eBay after the online auctioneer cited a policy against "murderabilia." Current owner Jack Finn put the van on eBay last week. The top bid for the vehicle was $3,400 as of 12:30 p.m. Monday, but the item wasn't listed an hour later. Kevorkian used the van in several deaths, including the poisoning of an Alzheimer's patient. (AP)

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Nation

Wal-Mart Fails to Block Lawsuit

Pay discrimination case against retailer likely headed to trial

San Francisco

A sharply divided federal appeals court on Monday exposed Wal-Mart Stores Inc. to billions of dollars in legal damages when it ruled a massive class-action lawsuit alleging gender discrimination over pay for female workers can go to trial.

In its 6-5 ruling, the 9th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals said the world's largest private employer will have to face charges that it pays women less than men for the same jobs and that female employees receive fewer promotions and have to wait longer for those promotions than male counterparts.

MATT ROURKE/AP

Wal-Mart is facing charges that it pays women less than men for the same jobs.

The retailer has fiercely fought the lawsuit since it was first filed by six women in federal court in San Francisco in 2001.

Since it doesn't have a companywide policy of discrimination, Wal-Mart argued that women alleging gender bias should file individual lawsuits against individual stores.

Wal-Mart's top lawyer Jeff Gearhart said the company disagreed with the ruling and was considering its next step, which could include an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"We do not believe the claims alleged by the six individuals who brought this suit are representative of the experiences of our female associates," said Gearhart, an executive vice president. **PAUL ELIAS (AP)**

Time Crunch

MATT ROURKE/AP

THOUSANDS OF COUNTERFEIT watches with Rolex logos are set out before a rolling compactor on Monday in Philadelphia. Officials smashed the bogus watches to mark the 40th anniversary of World Intellectual Property Day.

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Massey Execs: Mine Samples Were Clean

Routine tests done minutes before blast show safe conditions

Charleston, W.Va.

Air samples did not show high levels of explosive gases just before an explosion in a West Virginia coal mine that killed 29 workers, and what caused the disaster remains unknown, the mine's owner said Monday.

Massey Energy Co. board director Stanley Suboleski said the samples were taken by foremen as part of a shift change exam at the Upper Big Branch mine, just "tens of minutes" before the blast. The examination also showed that air flow in the underground mine was fine.

JEFF GENTNER/AP

Massey Energy Co. CEO Don Blankenship, center, said the company is "humbled."

"All the indicators are that at the start of the shift, everything was OK," Subolesk said.

Suboleski, two other Massey board directors and Chief Executive Don Blankenship held a news conference Monday to address several issues related to the explosion, the nation's worst coal mining disaster in 40 years.

The news conference was held a day after President Obama and Vice President Joe Biden led a memorial for the fallen miners.

Blankenship told reporters that the president "honored the grieving families with his presence." Offering continued condolences to those families, he also offered the company's thanks to those who have assisted them since the blast.

"This has left us humbled and hurt, and searching for answers," Blankenship said, adding that the company was dedicated to finding out what happened. **(AP)**

PRESERVATION

The iconic Hollywood sign in Los Angeles has been spared from urban sprawl, thanks to a $12.5 million fundraising drive, Calif. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger announced Monday. The governor said a $900,000 donation by Playboy founder Hugh Hefner and a $500,000 grant capped a successful effort to protect 138 acres near the sign from the development of luxury estates. **(AP)**

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In Brief

JERUSALEM

Netanyahu Freezes New Projects in E. Jerusalem

Israel's prime minister has effectively frozen new Jewish construction in east Jerusalem, municipal officials said Monday, reflecting the need to mend a serious rift with the U.S. and get Mideast peace talks back on track. The move comes despite Benjamin Netanyahu's repeated assertion he would never halt construction in east Jerusalem. **(AP)**

LAGOS, NIGERIA

Three Journalists Killed

Gunmen shot and killed a Nigerian journalist at his home the same day two others died while attempting to cover fighting between Christians and Muslims, authorities said Monday. The outbreak of violence highlights the daily dangers confronting local journalists in Africa's most populous nation. **(AP)**

MOGADISHU, SOMALIA

Pirates Flee Insurgents

Fighters from Somalia's al-Qaeda-linked militant group moved into the northern region where Somali pirates operate early Monday, residents said, forcing pirates to flee and raising the specter of an insurgent attempt to close down the piracy trade. The pirate gang holding a kidnapped British couple reportedly fled into a forest to escape the militants. **(AP)**

U.N. Curtails Kandahar Mission

Foreign workers leave as violence spirals in beleaguered city

Kandahar, Afghanistan

The United Nations scaled back its operations in the troubled southern city of Kandahar on Monday, relocating several foreign employees to Kabul and telling more than 200 Afghan U.N. workers to stay home amid rising violence.

The announcement came hours after three bombings — one targeting a local police official — shook the city. The rash of attacks came ahead of a joint Afghan-NATO operation to try to wrest control of the area from Taliban militants. The strategy is to flood in troops, rout the militants, and rush in new governance, development projects and security to win the loyalty of Kandahar's half-million residents.

Dan McNorton, a U.N. spokesman in the capital of Kabul, insisted the world body was not pulling out of Kandahar and remained committed to continuing its aid and humanitarian work. He declined to say how many U.N. employees were still working in Kandahar, the spiritual birthplace of the Taliban.

"Due to the current security situation in Kandahar, we have temporarily relocated several of our non-Afghan staff to Kabul," McNorton said.

A senior Western official familiar with U.N. operations said 16 U.N. workers in Kandahar were moved to a more heavily secured compound Sunday night and then traveled on to Kabul and perhaps other destinations. He spoke on condition of anonymity.

In recent weeks, local officials, aid workers and contractors for U.S. development projects have been targeted by Taliban fighters trying to disrupt the upcoming military operation, expected to accelerate this summer.

"The security in this city is deteriorating," said Enayutullah Khan, 43, a rickshaw driver. "People leave their homes only to find food for their children." **(AP)**

RAHIMAT GUL/FILE/AP

Guards stand at the scene of a bombing in Kandahar on April 16. A spate of attacks has led the U.N. to scale back its work in the city.

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The number of civilians who have been killed in Kandahar since April 12, according to The Associated Press. Eight children were among the dead.

HEALTH

Brazil's health minister has a remedy for the nation's problem with high blood pressure: more sex. Minister Jose Temporao said Monday adults should be exercising more to help keep their blood pressure down — and he said a good cardiovascular workout includes sex, "always with protection, obviously." Temporao also recommended dancing and a healthy diet. The Health Ministry said 24.4 percent of Brazilians had high blood pressure in 2009. (AP)

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World

U.K. Envoy Escapes Yemen Blast

San'a, Yemen

The British ambassador in Yemen narrowly escaped a suicide attack Monday, when a young man in a school uniform detonated his explosives belt near the diplomat's armored car in a poor district of San'a, officials said.

The attack was the first such suicide bombing in the capital in a year, and it cast doubt on the effectiveness of the Yemeni government's U.S.-backed campaign against al-Qaeda militants, who have found a haven in parts of the impoverished nation where the government's control is weak.

Washington has stepped up counterterrorism aid to San'a over the past year, warning that al-Qaeda's offshoot in Yemen has become a global threat, particularly after it claimed responsibility for the failed Christmas Day attempt to bomb an American jetliner heading for Detroit.

A British Embassy spokeswoman said the ambassador, Timothy Torlot, was unhurt in the attack

The ambassador's vehicle was passing through the impoverished San'a district of Noqm when the explosion went off nearby, the Interior Ministry said in a statement. The explosion ripped apart the bomber, identified as a 22-year-old high school student who hails from the southern town of Taiz. His head was found on the roof of a house about 20 yards away, the ministry said. AHMED AL-HAJ (AP)

Al-Bashir Extends Rule

ABD RAOUF/AP

SUDANESE PRESIDENT Omar al-Bashir, center, is congratulated by his supporters at the ruling party headquarters in Khartoum, Sudan, on Monday. Al-Bashir, who is facing an international arrest warrant for war crimes, won another term in office in elections marred by boycotts and allegations of fraud.

Hearsay

"The good of Poland is a common duty that requires an ability to overcome personal suffering."

— **JAROSLAW KACZYNSKI,** POLISH OPPOSITION LEADER, WHO SAID MONDAY HE WILL RUN IN JUNE ELECTIONS TO REPLACE HIS TWIN BROTHER, THE INCUMBENT, WHO DIED IN A PLANE CRASH.

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World

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Campaign posters for Iraq's parliamentary election line a street in Baghdad in March.

Another Setback In Iraqi Election

Court disqualifies 52 candidates, casts doubt on Sunni lead

Baghdad

An Iraqi court threw the nation's disputed election into deeper disarray Monday by disqualifying 52 candidates, including one winner, in a legal ruling that cast doubt on the slim lead of a Sunni-backed alliance over the prime minister's political coalition.

The decision by the three-judge election court intensified political turmoil and dealt a new setback to efforts to form a new government in Iraq nearly two months after the vote for a new 325-member parliament, which must select the next prime minister.

U.S. officials had hoped the elections would boost efforts to reconcile Iraq's divided ethnic and religious groups as American military forces prepare to withdraw combat forces by September, with the rest to follow by the end of next year. But the maneuvering following the inconclusive vote instead has created a giant political vacuum and fears of new violence.

It also threatened to anger anew Sunni voters, who had thrown their support behind secular candidate Ayad Allawi's bloc to give it a two-seat lead.

The winning candidate who would lose his seat was from Allawi's Iraqiya coalition. Sunnis largely have spurned Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, and their anger against the Shiite-led government in 2006 and 2007 was one of the key motivators for their bloody insurgency that only recently abated.

The court also is considering the fate of at least seven other winning Iraqiya candidates who are accused of having ties to Saddam Hussein's ousted Baath Party. That decision, which is expected as early as Tuesday, could deal a fatal blow to Allawi's lead. LARA JAKES (AP)

DISCOVERIES

A study published Tuesday in Current Biology suggests chimpanzees react to the death of a group member just like humans. James Anderson, a lecturer in psychology at Scotland's University of Stirling, said a video of chimpanzees at a Scottish park shows the animals stroking a dying female — the first time researchers have seen an adult chimpanzee die in a group. (AP)

The Right to Bar Harms

Justices to consider whether shielding kids from violent games is constitutional

Washington

Fresh from deciding one major free-speech challenge last week, the Supreme Court said Monday it would take up another: whether states may forbid the sale of violent video games to minors.

California argues that the court's decision more than 40 years ago that states may restrict the sale of sexually explicit materials to minors should now be extended to the violent images in popular video games such as Grand Theft Auto. Other states have passed such laws, but all have been shot down by federal courts that said the Supreme Court has never authorized such an expansion.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit said the same thing about California's law. The state "is asking us to boldly go where no court has gone before," Judge Consuelo M. Callahan wrote for a unanimous three-member panel. "We decline the state's entreaty ... [to] redefine the concept of obscenity under the First Amendment."

That the Supreme Court will now take on the task — its first look at the First Amendment protections afforded computer and video games — came as something of a surprise after last week's action. The court voted 8-1 to strike down a federal law that outlawed the sale of videos that depicted acts of illegal animal cruelty, saying it was unprepared to carve out another area of speech from First Amendment protection. But California's case raises the additional issue of how far a state may go to protect minors from the harm its legislature said it found in exposure to extremely violent video games.

The case, Schwarzenegger v. Entertainment Merchants Association, will be argued in the court's next term, which begins in October.

Most Violent Video Games

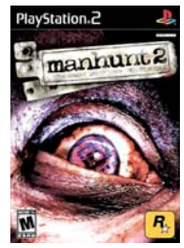
SONY COMPUTER ENTERTAINMENT

GOD OF WAR: The blood-soaked God of War series seems to revel in its Mature rating. Enemies burst apart, bones shatter, and some of the games feature sex scenes with multiple partners. Fans insist this revenge story exudes a gruesome aesthetic similar to "Braveheart" — a gory film that's nonetheless respected by moviegoers.

THE DOOM SERIES: The series that popularized first-person shooter games has never been a stranger to controversy. Since the release of Doom in 1993, the game has been called a "murder simulator," criticized for supposed demonic undertones, and scapegoated by some in the wake of the 1999 Columbine school shooting after it was revealed that the shooting's perpetrators played it.

THE MORTAL KOMBAT SERIES: Since their debut in 1992, these bloody fighting games have angered many parents and lawmakers, including Sen. Joe Lieberman, I-Conn., who conducted hearings in the 1990s about realistic violence in video games.

THE GRAND THEFT AUTO SERIES: These games have been criticized for their depictions of violence and have been variously blamed for influencing many criminal acts by young people. The games have also elicited protests for their depictions of Haitians, sex and drunken driving.



MANHUNT 2: This 2007 action game was initially denied a rating and was forced to delay its release until edits could be made to its violent content. The released version still got an M rating.

(CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR)

California passed a law in 2005, signed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, that prohibited the sale or rental of violent games to anyone under 18. It defined such a game as one that included "killing, maiming, dismembering or sexually assaulting an image of a human being" in a way that a reasonable person would find appeals to a "deviant or morbid interest," is patently offensive and lacks "serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors."

> **"We have a responsibility to our kids and our communities to protect against the effects of games that depict ultra-violent actions."**
>
> — CALIF. GOV. ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

But judges never allowed the law to go into effect. The court of appeals was unwilling to extend the obscenity standard and said California had not proved violent video games make youths violent.

But the California Psychological Association and the California Psychiatric Association, in a taste of the competing opinions that are likely to dominate the arguments, urged the court to take the case.

Studies "suggest very strongly," the groups said, that "participating in the playing of violent video games by children and youth increase aggressive thought and behavior; increase antisocial behavior and delinquency; engender poor school performance; desensitize the game player to violence; and reduced activity in the frontal lobes of the brain." ROBERT BARNES (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Local

A Mini-Revival in Southwest D.C.

Neighborhood begins anew with revamped amenities, attitude

Washington

For 50 years, Southwest Washington was divided in half by a mall and office complex that withered with age. Like the freeway that isolates the neighborhood from downtown, Waterside Mall left its community without a center. Now the mall is gone, two gleaming glass office towers with a splashy ground-floor Safeway supermarket have risen in its place, and the road that was mothballed to build it is back after a half-century, with wide sidewalks for pedestrians.

Fourth Street may be a stretch of asphalt over two city blocks, but its reappearance in a neighborhood plagued by a generation of poor urban design is an important milestone in its revival.

MELINA MARA/TWP

Maya Tate, 9, waits on April 23 for her grandfather to bring out her birthday cake from the Safeway that rose in place of Waterside Mall in Southwest Washington.

The new pedestrian-friendly, mixed-use project at the Metro's door, Waterfront, is the first of three legs of an $800 million redevelopment of 1.2 million square feet of offices, the same amount of residential space, and at least 110,000 square feet devoted to shops and restaurants. A CVS and a Bank of America are moving back soon from temporary quarters.

A Subway and another restaurant — one with tablecloths and run by the owners of Tunnicliff's Tavern on Capitol Hall — have signed leases. Three District government agencies moved into the office space this month.

At Sixth Street and Maine Avenue two blocks away, Arena Stage will reopen this fall after a $125 million makeover, expanding its footprint with a new playhouse, and rehearsal, office and public space.

"The bottom line is that Southwest is back," said Andrew Litsky, chairman of the Advisory Neighborhood Commission for the area and a resident since 1977. "For everyone who was complaining there was a paucity of everything, they're wrong."

LISA REIN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Blade to Resume Publishing Paper

Washington

The District's long-running gay weekly newspaper will resume publishing under its original name, the Washington Blade, at the end of this week, after the acquisition of the Blade's assets in bankruptcy court.

In late February, staffers bought the newspaper's name, copyright, trademark, archives, computers and office furniture for $15,000. Twenty-five thousand copies of the first edition of a redesigned Blade will hit newsstands Friday.

The 40-year-old newspaper — founded in October 1969 just months after the Stonewall riots incited the gay rights movement — has published weekly editions under the name D.C. Agenda since Nov. 20, four days after parent company Window Media declared Chapter 7 bankruptcy and ceased operations.

DAN ZAK (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Local

Report: HIV/AIDS Grips Suburbs

Study says nearly half of people infected in area live outside D.C.

Washington

Nearly half of people infected with HIV/AIDS in the Washington area live outside the District, but suburban governments trail the city in efforts that help slow the spread of the disease, according to a study released Tuesday.

In what was billed as the first-ever look at the scope of HIV/AIDS infection in suburban Washington, the study decried the lack of coordination that it said denies 14,500 people the medical and support services they need and deserve, "regardless of where they live."

It called on local governments to establish standards so everyone gets tested for HIV during routine medical visits, unless they opt out.

"Nobody's really looked at the suburbs. There tends to be a focus on central cities."

— **EMILY MCKAY,** MOSAICA: THE CENTER FOR NONPROFIT DEVELOPMENT AND PLURALISM, WHICH WROTE THE STUDY.

Though the study, funded by the Washington AIDS Partnership, relied on public documents, it is the first to focus attention on the suburbs. That is where 46 percent of more than 30,000 people in the region with the infection reside, though the prevalence rate in the District is far higher.

The study said the counties trail the District in their efforts to slow the spread of the disease through sex education in the schools, testing for infection and caring for the sick.

The District produces an HIV/AIDS epidemiology update yearly. Maryland and Virginia produces studies every five years, using data that is several years old, the study said.

DARRYL FEARS (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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JAMES M. THRESHER/TWP

FRESHMEN AT Gonzaga College High School in the District fill food bags to be handed out at the Father McKenna Center, a Catholic-run shelter, in March. Serving at the shelter on the private school's campus teaches valuable lessons of compassion to many student volunteers. | **washingtonpost.com/local**

Defense Giant To Relocate HQ In Va., Not Md.

Richmond, Va.

Gov. Robert F. McDonnell and Northrop Grumman will announce Tuesday that the defense giant has selected Virginia over Maryland for its corporate headquarters, two sources familiar with the deal said late Monday afternoon.

The company is still considering sites in Fairfax and Arlington counties for its headquarters, but has ruled out Rockville, Md., the sources say. Executives at Northrop Grumman wouldn't confirm Monday where they plan to move but said they expect to announce a decision by the end the week.

ANITA KUMAR (THE WASHINGTON POST)

The Lotteries

Monday, April 26

District

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	8-7-7
Evening Lucky Numbers (Sun.)	0-2-7
Mid-day DC 4	6-6-9-7
Evening DC 4 (Sun.)	7-9-1-6
Mid-day D.C. Five	5-7-8-3-3
Evening D.C. Five (Sun.)	5-8-6-2-2
Daily 6 (Sun.)	18-19-23-29-36-38 (17)

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	7-3-8
Evening Pick 3 (Sun.)	5-0-0
Mid-day Pick 4	2-3-5-2
Evening Pick 4 (Sun.)	6-5-1-3
Mid-day Cash 5 (Sun.)	14-15-24-29-31
Evening Cash 5 (Sun.)	9-10-20-23-30

Maryland

Mid-day Pick 3	1-6-6
Evening Pick 3 (Sun.)	0-6-0
Mid-day Pick 4	7-2-0-1
Evening Pick 4 (Sun.)	5-7-6-5
Match 5 (Sun.)	5-12-17-30-39 (25)

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Tony Stewart, left, and Jeff Gordon, right, confer after Sunday's crash.

Johnson: Blame Me For Wreck

Auto Racing

Four-time defending NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson took the blame for making a mistake that ultimately led to teammate Jeff Gordon's wreck at Talladega Superspeedway.

Johnson said he was trying to slide in front of Gordon late in Sunday's race so the two Hendrick Motorsports drivers could draft together toward the front. But, he said, Gordon was coming too fast. Johnson's move instead had the effect of a block, and Gordon was forced off the apron in a defensive move. "I misjudged the closing rate," Johnson told The Associated Press. "We all make mistakes; I am no different."

Gordon, who drove his damaged car to a 22nd-place finish, was furious with his teammate after the race. "The 48 is testing my patience, I can tell you that," Gordon said Sunday. (AP)

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Game 6 of the Capitals-Canadiens first-round playoff series ended after Express' deadline on Monday. For a full recap, plus analysis from columnist Mike Wise, see washingtonpost.com/sports

Ex-Wizards Dream Big in Dallas

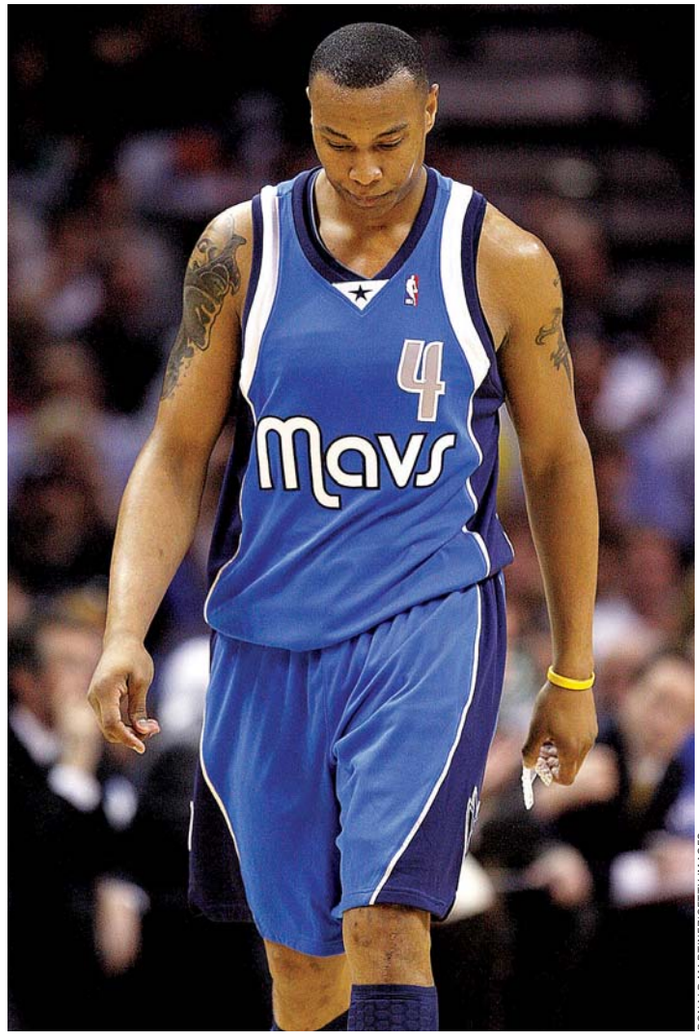
Stay in postseason may be short unless Mavs bounce back

Pro Basketball

They were forced to start over together in Dallas, to instantly wash off the distractions and dissension that overtook just about every aspect of the Washington Wizards in the first half this season. While their former team is focused on recovering from a second-consecutive lottery campaign, Caron Butler, Brendan Haywood and DeShawn Stevenson were given a second shot at success with the Mavericks.

But with Dallas down three games to one in its best-of-seven first-round series against in-state rival San Antonio, the opportunity grows more remote to claim the championship that last summer Butler actually thought the Wizards would contend for. To keep that dream alive, the Mavericks will have to defeat the Spurs in three consecutive games, beginning on Tuesday at American Airlines Center.

Mavericks owner Mark Cuban and All-Star forward Dirk Nowitzki initially said the deal that shipped Josh Howard and three other players to Washington in exchange for three starters from the last Wizards playoff team made Dallas more talented than the team that reached the NBA Finals in 2006. But Cuban added recently that he wouldn't be satisfied if this group doesn't have a better finish, since the trade also pushed the Mavericks to the league's second-highest payroll at nearly $87 million this season — with an additional $18 million in luxury tax penalties — and added more payroll next season.



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"Maybe we were dreaming or thinking too big at the time for the situation we were in. But this is an opportunity that's every player's dream — to have a realistic shot at winning the title."

— **CARON BUTLER,** COMPARING HIS TIME IN WASHINGTON TO PLAYING IN DALLAS.

"When I spend $30, $40 million, I try to have a high expectation. It's not like buying a Yugo," Cuban said. "If we don't win the series, everybody is going to say it was a failure. If we don't win a championship, everybody's going to say it's a failure, and that's really what it comes down to."

Butler and Haywood both have advanced beyond the first round only once each — Butler as a member of the Heat in 2004, Haywood a year later with the Wizards. Stevenson, who declined to be interviewed for this story, has never won a playoff series. Haywood made the playoffs in four of his 8½ seasons in Washington and said he enjoys the pressure and heightened expectations in Dallas.

"In D.C., even when we made it to the playoffs, we were never really taken seriously. Everybody thought, 'They maybe might win a first-round series.' But a lot of people didn't think we'd win that. This is a different animal. At the same time, I wouldn't have it any other way," said Haywood, 30, adding that he's elated just to be back on this stage after sitting out last season. "As you get older, you realize the playoffs aren't a given. Competing for a championship isn't a given. And basketball, it seems like it takes awhile, but it's a very short career. I'm just grateful for every playoff game I can play."

MICHAEL LEE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Up, Then Down

The Feb. 13 trade involving Caron Butler, Brendan Haywood and DeShawn Stevenson helped Dallas secure the second seed in the rugged Western Conference. But the honeymoon period — which included a 13-game winning streak — has ended. Butler has struggled in the playoffs and was benched for the second half of Game 3 in San Antonio, and Haywood has received inconsistent minutes backing up Erick Dampier. (TWP)

CASHING IN

Ryan Howard agreed to a $125 million, five-year contract extension through 2016 with the Philadelphia Phillies on Monday that includes a club option for 2017. The 30-year-old slugging first baseman will make $20 million each in 2012 and 2013, and $25 million annually from 2014 to 2016. The $25 million guaranteed average salary in the extension will be baseball's second-highest behind Alex Rodriguez's $27.5 million average with the Yankees. (AP)

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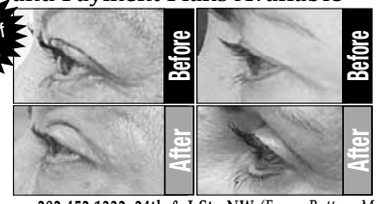

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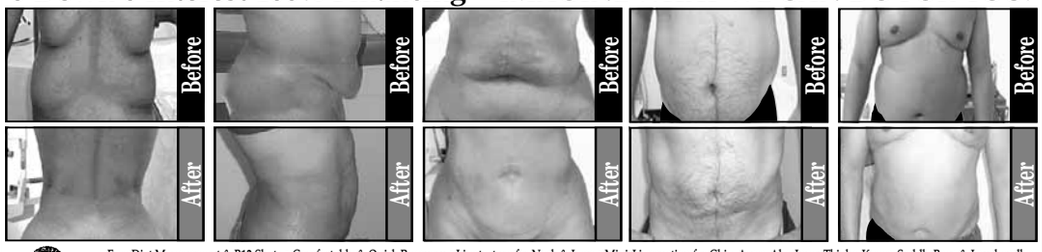

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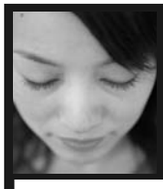

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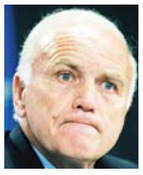
Sports

In Brief

PRO HOCKEY

Devils Coach Lemaire Announces Retirement



Lemaire

The energy is gone, so Jacques Lemaire is walking away from coaching. Just four days after the New Jersey Devils were eliminated from the playoffs in the first round for the third-straight year, the 64-year-old Lemaire made the surprising announcement Monday that he is retiring as a coach. (AP)

PRO FOOTBALL

Patriots Cut LB Thomas

The New England Patriots on Monday released former Pro Bowl linebacker Adalius Thomas, who joined the team as a high-profile free agent in 2007 but fell into disfavor with coach Bill Belichick last season. (AP)

PRO FOOTBALL

Record Ratings for Draft

ESPN's broadcast of the NFL draft has drawn the most viewers ever. With the first two rounds held in prime time for the first time, ESPN's three-day telecast had 3.7 million viewers, up 27 percent from 2009. It also attracted 2.85 million households, the second most in draft history and up 24 percent from last year, according to Nielsen Media Research. (AP)

PRO BASKETBALL

Ex-Warriors Owner Dies

Franklin Mieuli, whose deerstalker cap, substantial beard and casual style made him one of the NBA's most colorful figures in his 24 years as owner of the Golden State Warriors, died of natural causes Sunday. He was 89. (AP)

Owner Pins Kentucky Derby Dreams on Filly

Eskendereya's injury frees spot for Devil May Care Saturday

Horse Racing

Todd Pletcher lost the likely Kentucky Derby favorite when he pulled Eskendereya out of the race with a leg injury on Sunday. He may have found a sentimental favorite instead in filly Devil May Care.

Owner John Greathouse will enter the 3-year-old filly in the Run for the Roses, one of four shots the Eclipse Award-winning trainer has at ending his 0-for-24 Derby hex.

MORRY GASH/AP

Devil May Care — named for a James Bond novel — runs at Churchill Downs Monday.

"I'd dearly love our filly to be the one to break this deal for him," Greathouse said. "He's done a lot for me. We've had seven horses with him and three are Grade 1 winners."

Including Devil May Care, who won the Frizette at Belmont last fall and is coming off a solid victory in the Bonnie Miss at Gulfstream Park on March 20.

Greathouse had the filly — who is named after a James Bond novel — pointed toward the Kentucky Oaks before Eskendereya was injured.

The injury did more than simply open up the field — Lookin at Lucky is now the expected favorite — it also meant jockey Johnny Velazquez was available. Velazquez has piloted Devil May Care in all three of her career victories.

"I think it was ultimately the deciding factor, not only that Johnny's available but why he's available," Pletcher said.

WILL GRAVES (AP)

Hearsay

"I am accountable for ... my actions. Though I have committed no crime, I regret I have fallen short of the values instilled in me by my family."

— STEELERS QB BEN ROETHLISBERGER, WHO ADDED IN A MONDAY STATEMENT THAT HE WON'T APPEAL HIS SUSPENSION AFTER BEING ACCUSED OF SEXUAL ASSAULT.

COMEBACKS

Bjorn Borg is going to play competitive tennis in the United States for the first time in a decade, and he could wind up facing a familiar foe: John McEnroe. The 53-year-old Borg is participating in the 30-and-over Outback Champions Series event in Boston that begins Thursday. If Borg beats Mikael Pernfors, he'll face McEnroe or Mats Wilander. (AP)

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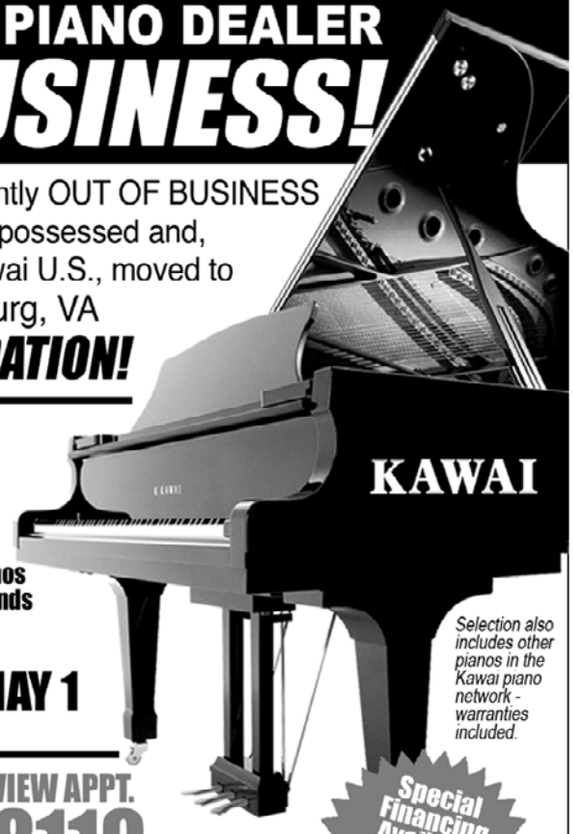

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Sports

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Nyjer Morgan is caught trying to steal second base Sunday against the Dodgers.

Nats' Morgan Out To End Early Slide

Leadoff hitter will keep trying to steal bases despite woes

The Nationals

Nyjer Morgan is not going to stop trying to steal bases. It would betray how he approaches baseball. "Hell, no, I'm not going to stop," he said. "That's part of my game."

But the Washington Nationals leadoff hitter recognizes he needs to start stealing with more success. Morgan was thrown out Sunday, bringing his success rate for the season to 5 for 9. Only the Los Angeles' Dodgers Matt Kemp has been thrown out more often.

He couldn't quite explain what's going on, other than to guess his new sliding technique has something to do with it. Since Morgan broke his wrist sliding into second last year, the Nationals mandated he slide feetfirst this year. After working in spring training, Morgan has slid feetfirst all year — and he hasn't had nearly his usual success.

"I ain't never been through a streak like this," Morgan said. "I ain't got no answer for you there. I just got to get it done. I'm about to go head back headfirst. It's just one of those things where I ain't got nothing for you guys, other than I better start getting it, because they're wearing my [butt] out."

Morgan remains confident, and Nationals Manager Jim Riggleman has implored him to stay aggressive. Last year, he stole 22 bases in a row at one point. He sees a similar streak on the horizon. "Once they start coming," Morgan said, "they're going to come in bunches." ADAM KILGORE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

TV Lineup

NATIONALS (8 P.M., MASN2) The Nats take on the Chicago Cubs in Game 2 of their series.

NBA (8 P.M., 10:30 P.M., TNT) The Cleveland Cavaliers can eliminate the Chicago Bulls, and the Oklahoma City Thunder seek a third-straight win over the Los Angeles Lakers.

NHL (9 P.M., VERSUS) The Phoenix Coyotes have home-ice advantage in the decisive Game 7 of their first-round playoff series against the Detroit Red Wings.

SOCCER (2:30 P.M., CSN) Lyon hosts Bayern Munich in the Champions League semifinals.

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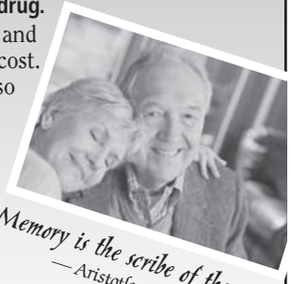

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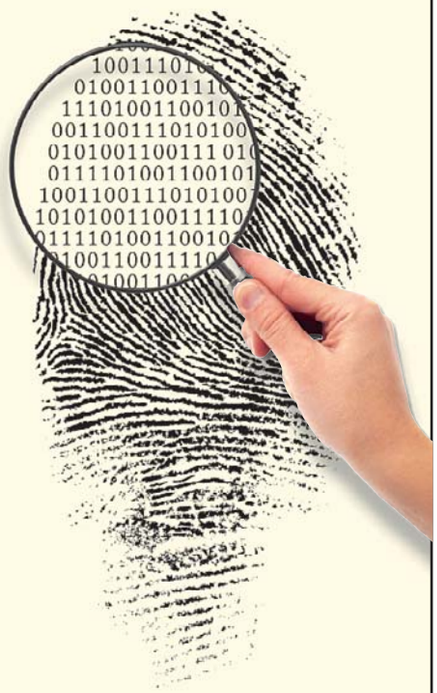

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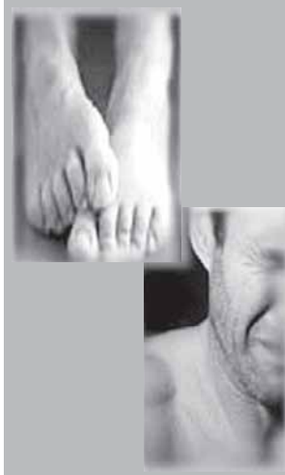

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Guinea Pig | Muffin Tops

"Biggest Loser" resident meanie/coach Jillian Michaels taught fans how to "Master Your Metabolism" last year. Now, she's rolling out the companion cookbook ($26), filled with 125-plus recipes that emphasize organic produce while eschewing processed stuff. We whipped up a batch of her pumpkin cranberry muffins (sweetened with maple syrup and vegan — thanks to coconut milk and olive oil). They were surprisingly easy and even more surprisingly tasty.

Body Talk

Best Day Ever

Time for Hallmark to start printing up cards featuring Richard Simmons! There's a new holiday joining the calendar this Saturday, May 1: World Fitness Day (Worldfitnessday.org). And everybody's favorite sweat-er to the oldies is part of a pack of celebs who will be kicking off the event in Atlanta with an epic workout. (His pals include Denise Austin, Jane Fonda and Billy Blanks.)

By Vicky Hallett

For Washingtonians not psyched to participate through the magic of streaming video, there are other ways to get into the holiday spirit. How about taking the D.C. Fitness Challenge (Dcfitnesschallenge.com)? Pros and amateurs can enter at the Boys & Girls Club (2500 14th St. NW) to test their physical prowess in a series of contests. Or, just roll out of bed and head to Canal Park (200 M St. SE) for a full morning (9 a.m.-noon) of free fitness classes: boot camp, kickboxing, yoga, Pilates, Hoopnotica and Zumba. Get details at Capitolriverfront.org.

And if you need a warm-up, don't forget there's another important holiday on Wednesday: National Walk at Lunch Day.

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Knead for Speed

Spas are introducing faster treatments so that clients can get relaxed in no time

Treatments

Spas know the clock is working against you. But while the hands of time can be a boon for business — in the form of anti-aging facials — they're also in the way. After all, who can possibly book an entire spa day when errands need to be run, projects need to be finished and the house needs tidying? For anyone who doesn't want to let a hectic schedule put a damper on his or her pampering, the answer is speedier services.

That's why as of Saturday, "Oriental Essence" will be on the menu at the **Mandarin Oriental** (1330 Maryland Ave. SW; 202-554-8588; Mandarinoriental.com). The 50-minute massage is for someone who's "on the go, but wants to feel relaxed," explains Mary Kong, whose skilled hands can knead a person from head to toe in any allotted time.

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The "Oriental Essence" treatment spans head to toe, with a focus on the back.

The philosophy is the same as the spa's signature treatment, which draws from Chinese medicine and aromatherapy, but it's a full hour shorter. One time saver: Instead of determining each client's essential element, they rely on a musky blend of frankincense, ginger and mandarin called "Quintessence" that works for everyone.

Treatments manager Charlene Whitcombe notes that not only does it take half as long, but it's also half the price. The introductory rate is $140 ($155 on weekends).

For even faster and more affordable services, clients can turn to the "Taste of Spa" treatments. Whitcombe initially devised these quickies — such as a 25-minute foot relief rub — for folks attending conferences at the hotel, but found a receptive wider audience when she made them available for the general public a year ago. "People don't always have three hours," she says. (But if they do, they're welcome to take advantage of the spa's heat and water features, including steam rooms, pools and "experience showers," which can mist or drench the user.)

At **Andre Chreky** (1604 K St. NW; 202-293-9393; Andrechreky.com), clients are often lucky to have 30 minutes. Thanks to a prime downtown location, customers pop in at lunch or before big meetings, says co-owner Serena Chreky.

So, her spa has also gotten into express services — facials, hair treatments and pedicures. The most popular is the Multi Task Eye Mask ($25), which is particularly well suited for people with packed schedules. It targets circles under the eyes from lack of sleep. "And it only takes 15 minutes," Chreky promises.

They're using that same time frame for another treatment that's launching Saturday: "Wash + Run." The $15 hair wash and scalp massage is geared toward clientele who want a quick hit of bliss before heading home from the office. With a treatment that short, any day can be a spa day. VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)

Just Opened

Nailed It!

Patsy's Nail Bar (1926 I St. NW; 202-466-2457; Patsysnailbar.com), which opened in January, has also embraced speedy services: express manis, pedis and facials. But manager Karen Baker says that once clients get settled, they often want to stay for the longer treatments — even if it means pushing the limits of their lunch breaks. "We can still get them out in time," she vows.

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Stuck in the Parent Trap

Q My parents recently moved here from my home country and wanted to buy a house, which they can't afford, so I volunteered to buy it with them. (I felt pressure as the only unmarried son.) And now my dad says he wants to buy a car under my name. I have college student loans to pay off, plus a mortgage. Now a car? I'm only 26, but I feel stressed and trapped in a job I don't like. **TRAPPED**

It's rare I get to use this forum as a financial soapbox, but going into home ownership with anyone who "can't afford" it is simply not good, whether they changed your diapers or not. You're in desperate need of some boundaries here. You have siblings and should not be shouldering your parents' financial burdens alone. (So, the car? A resounding "No.") If the house is a done deal, a tentative plan should be worked out for your parents to buy you out of the mortgage within a set number of years — please tell me they have an income. Set up a meeting for the three of you with a financial advisor.

You are also way too young to be stuck in a job so soul-sucking. See what resources your university's career/alumni office has in terms of vocational counseling, testing, job-searching and networking.

The Aftermath of Dad's Drinking

Q My dad has started drinking again. He says it relieves stress at his new job. But the last time he drank, all hell broke loose. He called me all wasted and, in turn, I ended up sending a nasty e-mail to my friends. My friends have since blocked me and refused to speak to me. This has hurt me so much. How do I make it up to them and get my friends back? **NO NAME**

I'm a little confused by the chain of events (might a flow chart be of use?), but I'll muddle through. First, take full responsibility for the e-mail you sent. You can go old-school if need be and send your friends an actual letter (there are these things called stamps ...) if that's the only way of reaching them. Apologize, and explain why you were feeling vulnerable, without making it seem like an excuse. If they've been so quick to turn their backs on you, however, I can't help but wonder what kind of friends they are. It might be time to re-evaluate.

Finally, seek out some support about your dad's drinking. That's tough for anyone to go through and sounds like a much deeper problem. Al-Anon (Al-anon.alateen.org) is a great place to start.

By Dr. Andrea Bonior

@ Send your mental health and emotional wellness questions to Andrea Bonior, Ph.D., at baggage@readexpress.com. This column is not a substitute for one-on-one care.

Event Horizon

Primal Scene

Parkour enthusiasts know how to vault, climb, leap — and party. D.C.'s Primal Fitness is expanding to a second location, and the launch for the 4,200-square-foot Alexandria gym (5402 Eisenhower Ave.) this Saturday will include break-dance demos, a Guitar Hero "Smackdown" and, of course, parkour intro classes. The barbecue and other festivities start at 2 p.m., and they won't stop until midnight. Find out more at Primalva.com.

Agony of the Feet

Tame your toenails and heal your heels with a runner's pedi

Recovery

When it comes to keeping feet neat, athletes usually fall to the back of the pack. Dead skin, heavy calluses and broken toenails are common side effects of a sporty life, which can feel incredibly painful — and look even worse. We road-tested how to take your toes from a 10k to flip-flop-ready.

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Regular trims will keep toenails from cracking or splitting during workouts.

Service: The Foot Patrol (75 minutes, $90)
Where: Bliss Spa, 515 15th St.; 202-661-2418
How It Works: A rotation of treatments — including soaking, exfoliating, a deep massage and a callus-softening paraffin mask — help feet go from scary-looking to baby soft. Be sure to book in advance: The spa sees a spike in clientele on big race weekends.
Best Part: The Diamancel foot file — crafted from actual chips of diamond, the hardest natural substance on Earth — took off so much dead skin, the technician's towel looked like Snowmaggedon 2.
Be Careful: Major athletes won't want to remove all of their calluses, which can help pad feet during high-intensity workouts.
Man Up: Guys make up about 35 percent of Bliss' clientele, says nail pro Duc Durocher. And men's feet tend to be in better shape "because they don't wear open-toed shoes or high heels," he says.
Post-Treatment: "Once you've had a thorough pedicure, you should keep up with moisturizing to make it last," Durocher says. "A big mistake people make is forgetting to moisturize their feet. If you remember to do so, the softness you feel now will last a long time."

BETSY LOWTHER (EXPRESS)

Three More to Try

If you're ...

- **A Serious Athlete:** Jouvence Salon — which has outposts in Reston, Va.; Pentagon Row and Rockville — offers a special "sport pedicure" (45 minutes, $50-$55) that promotes nail strength and growth, and includes an anti-fungi treatment. Jouvencesalons.com
- **On a Budget:** Cleveland Park favorite Nam's Posh Nails earns raves for its long-lasting pedis, pristine environment and friendly service. A basic pedicure costs $25, while a spa pedi — including a sea salt scrub and OPI products — is $40. 2744 Ordway St. NW; 202-966-6699
- **An Eco-Lover:** Several Washington Wizards have been known to stop in for the signature pedicure (80 minutes, $75) from green-friendly Nusta Spa, which includes a soothing foot and leg seaweed mask, and an organic paraffin dip, plus polish options from natural nail care line Zoya. 1129 20th St. NW; 202-530-5700

Two of a Kind | The Brush-Off

Dentists and decorators have teamed up to invent toothbrushes you'll want to be seen with — at least twice a day. Reach by Design ($2.35, left) brightens up your bathroom with mod florals and stripes. The brush itself looks familiar, though: angled neck, multi-level bristles. Radius' Source ($7.95, right) is an eco-innovation. You grip a blob-shaped handle made from recycled flax, wood or dollar bills. It lasts forever as long as you replace the head. A downside: It won't fit in your holder.

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Healthy Eats, Hold the Salad

Whether you prefer your greens Sweet, Mixt or Chop't, you've probably had your fill of salad lately. But health food can be more than a bowl of arugula. Here are three new restaurants in Washington that offer a different way to watch what you eat.

Freshii

The first East Coast location of this Toronto-based chain is all about choices — mostly smart ones. At the door, customers are greeted by an "ambassador" who explains how to use the "Fast Ticket" menu. Write in the name of the meal you want from the list of suggested combos — say, a Cajun-spiced warrior chicken bowl ($6.49) — or customize.

Start by picking a base: wrap ($5.25), noodle/rice bowl ($5.75), soup ($5.75) or salad ($5.95). Then check off which toppings you want. A huge selection — including mandarin oranges, chickpeas and artichoke hearts, — is included. You'll pay extra for proteins (like grilled tofu and smoked bacon). Finish off with one of the sauces: perhaps low-sodium soy if you're feeling virtuous, or blue cheese if you're not. You can play around with the nutritional calculator on the Web site to map out your meal ahead of time.

Freshii also carries loads of grab-and-go snacks: turkey jerky, multigrain chips, hard-boiled eggs. "We're kind of the 7-Eleven of health food," says franchise owner Andrew Nelson.

Funxion

By day, Funxion is a spot for office workers to get a nutritious breakfast or lunch. By night, it transforms into Dysfunxion, a nightclub — complete with DJ booth — that serves up cocktails made with fresh organic juices.

At first glance, the menu doesn't look particularly healthy: pizzas, burgers, sandwiches. But take a closer look and you'll see the tuna salad sandwich ($8) holds the mayo, the burgers ($6-$8) are all served on whole-wheat buns, and the chili ($6) is made with bison meat.

"We emphasize herbs and spices instead of fats and oils," says director of nutrition Patrick Sullivan, who crafted the unusual comfort-food recipes. Some of his ingredient substitutions are secrets — all he'll reveal about the oil-free pizza dough is that it contains pureed avocado. But he hopes that some of the more obvious switches will persuade diners to be more adventurous in their diets. Kelp pesto anyone?

Cafe Green

The folks behind Java Green are going upscale with this "organic vegan dining" sit-down restaurant. Originally slated to launch a year ago, it's finally in a soft opening now. (You'll have to wait for the grand opening next month for the full bar, which will feature juices along with booze.)

"We're doing global cuisine," says Jimmy Cooney, manager and one of three chefs who designed the eclectic menu, which features items ranging from a sweet potato gnocchi ($12) to a "mac and cheese" platter ($12). Even non-vegans will appreciate that losing animal-based products in these dishes makes the meals healthier. That "cheese" — really a nut milk-based sauce — is higher in protein and lower in fat than what you'd find elsewhere, Cooney boasts. The menu also has several raw dishes, including pizza ($15). VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)

Three Courses

Clockwise from top left:

- Tablecloth dining makes eating vegan dishes a more upscale experience at Cafe Green.
- The burgers at Funxion look like their beefy brethren but are secretly more nutritious.
- Even if you're not in the mood for an entire meal at Freshii, it has your healthy snack and beverage needs covered.

- *Freshii, 2001 M St. NW; 202-506-4910; Freshii.com.*
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Sound Bets

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Songs to Learn and Sing

There's a lot of great kids' music now, but we stick with the classics — and by "classics" I mean '80s New Wave and indie rock. For nearly half his life, my 3-year-old has listened to Echo and the Bunnymen as much as yours has Dan Zanes — and that's why my kid is better. (Zing!)

By Christopher Porter

My toddler became obsessed with the song "Bring on the Dancing Horses," which he still calls "Horsey Cow" because of the animals in the video, and then we endlessly sailed "Seven Seas," which he calls "Penguins" for the same reason. We eventually spun the "Songs to Learn and Sing" comp, and he can now sing "Rescue," "Never Stop" and "The Killing Moon" word for phonetically approximated word.

I've considered whether he could stay awake to see the Bunnymen (above, founding member Ian McCulloch) on Friday at the Black Cat, but common sense will likely prevail. While he has seen the band in concert on television, taking my baby to an actual show would be nice symmetry: I first saw the Bunnymen play April 8, 1986, at the Fox Theatre in Detroit, when I was basically a kid, too.

@ Comments? Give Christopher your feedback: **expressnightout.com/soundbets**

Courtney's Comeback?

Hole's new album shows that Love can be more than a celebrity disaster

CD Review

Courtney Love is easy to dismiss but hard to understand.

After years in foster care, she rose to semi-prominence in the Washington state riot grrl scene, then rose to even greater prominence as first the wife, then the widow, of Kurt Cobain. Since then, she has chased tabloid glory as heatedly as musical accomplishment, making more headlines than albums.

Love is a professional mess, and she loves her job. In fact, she might be a bit too professional. "Nobody's Daughter," her first album since 2004's "America's Sweetheart" and her first Hole album since '98's "Celebrity Skin," sounds at once too old and too new: The guitars and drums have been so compressed that they sound like any other anonymous radio rock, but the persona she puts across sounds like it hasn't developed or changed in more than a decade.

Nobody's Daughter
Hole

Stressing the damage and grit in her voice, Love sounds like she's trying to position herself as the Gen-X Marianne Faithfull: an unlikely drug survivor whose history speaks as loudly as her music. She warbles mightily, caterwauls, screams, slurs and pulls out every weapon in her arsenal to put these songs across. Say what you will, but she never sounds half-hearted.

Ultimately, "Nobody's Daughter" represents the two contradictory impulses that drive Love's music and especially her celebrity: She wants so desperately to challenge her listeners and alienate her detractors, but she's also far too eager to please, to cling to those tattered scraps of fame and relevance.

That untenable position, which would be impossible for any artist to maintain but especially one of Love's far-from-prolific stature, makes her a fascinating figure but doesn't make this blustery but ultimately timid album at all memorable. STEPHEN M. DEUSNER

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Young people don't realize that Love started out as a musician, not a train wreck.

Crazy

Name Shame

Courtney Love is just a stage name — the singer's real moniker is Courtney Michelle Harrison. And now she wants to be called Courtney Michelle (a demand we clearly ignored in the story below). "We've all decided we don't like her any more," Love/Michelle told NME magazine. "We love her when she goes onstage, but I don't need her in the rest of my life." She then memorably stated: "The name Courtney Love is a way to oppress me." (EXPRESS)

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1 Press Conference

Does covering the White House make you a liberal shill? Ask White House correspondents from NPR, the New York Times, Slate and CNN — they're speaking in a panel discussion tonight. F.Z. *Greenberg Theatre, American University, 4200 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 6:45 p.m., $40; 202-633-3030, Residentassociates.org. (Tenleytown)*

2 Guess What 'V' Stands For

"The Vagina Monologues" has stirred up a lot of mud over the last 14 years. Some call it an assault on traditional values; others are mad that it's not "The Vulva Monologues" instead. Proceeds from the Rock and Roll Hotel performances go to HIPS, an organization that helps D.C. sex workers lead healthier lives. F.Z. *Rock and Roll Hotel, 1353 H St. NE; Tue. and Wed., 8 p.m., $20; 202-388-7625, Rockandrollhoteldc.com.*

3 Tongue Twisters

"The Liar" is just your basic boy-meets-girl-but-is-a-pathological-liar-and-also-the-girl-is-engaged-but-it's-OK-'cause-he-falls-for-her-best-friend story. The Onion sponsors tonight's show — those ages 21 to 35 can buy $15 tickets that cover an after-party. F.Z. *Shakespeare Theatre, 601 F St. NW: 7:30, $15; 202-547-1122, Shakespearetheatre.org. (Gallery Place)*

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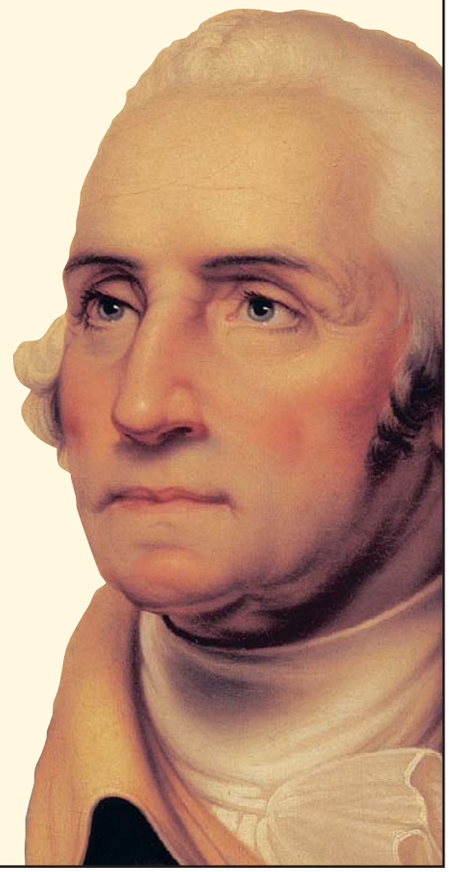

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Slow and Steady

The keys to Crystal Bowersox's success: talent and stamina

'American Idol'

In February, during the first live show of this "American Idol" season, Crystal Bowersox performed Alanis Morissette's "Hand in My Pocket" to rousing acclaim from the show's judges.

All except one. Simon Cowell had a nit to pick.

"There are thousands of you doing this outside subway stations every day at the moment," he said. "You're doing a soundalike. You've got to do something which is you, not try to sound like something else."

It seemed like it could be prescient criticism — sure, Bowersox had a strong voice and a likable personality, but her dreadlocked coiffure and Earth mama fashions did make her the very model of a modern Metro busker.

If Bowersox is just a typical street performer, though, then more commuters ought to pop out their earbuds and drink in the sound.

Over the past two months, Bowersox has turned in one sturdy performance after another, solidifying her stature and fan base with songs that ranged from the jangly rock of the Rolling Stones' "You Can't Always Get What You Want" to a soulful interpretation of "Midnight Train to Georgia."

Perhaps her best performance — and surely her most emotive — came just last week, when she took on the Impressions' classic "People Get Ready." The song kicked off with a gutsy a-cappella intro and closed with a choked sob.

The judges loved it.

"Mama Sox? You know why they call you that?" asked Kara DioGuardi. "'Cause you just schooled all those contestants."

And how did the performance sit with Cowell, her onetime detractor?

"For me, it was in a completely different class to anything else we heard tonight," he said.

It was just another night for a contestant who's busking for votes like everyone else, but who's proving that she's far from ordinary.

GREG BARBER (EXPRESS)

FOX

Crystal Bowersox made the stage her own with a custom rug and mic stand.

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Celebrity Vanity Project

Trophy Wife Gives Back

Melania Trump is launching a line of affordable jewelry on QVC. "I'm completely involved from A to Z, 100 percent. ... I go through the samples and have to approve every piece." Trump said she didn't consult her real estate mogul husband, Donald, much about her venture. "He knows I'm doing it, but we didn't talk much," she said. The collection, of which no piece costs more than $200, debuts April 30. (AP)

TV tonight lookout

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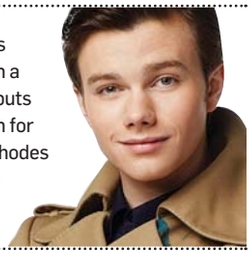

FOX 9:00 **Glee** Kurt (Chris Colfer, right) sets up his widowed dad with Finn's widowed mom in a bid to make his crush a stepbrother. Sue puts the Cheerios on a strict diet in preparation for a big feature in "Splits" magazine. April Rhodes (guest star Kristin Chenoweth) returns to upstage everyone.

CW 9:00 **Life Unexpected** Jones (guest star Austin Butler) asks Lux (Britt Robertson) to the winter formal, but after Baze (Kristoffer Polaha) discovers a condom in her room, he leaps to the wrong conclusion and rushes to the dance. While chaperoning the formal, Cate (Sheri Appleby) struggles with painful memories about the night Lux was conceived. Austin Basis also stars in "Formal Reformed."

NBC 10:00 **Parenthood** Kristina goes back to work, leaving Adam in charge of the household for the weekend. Sarah runs into an ex while taking Amber to a college event. Crosby and Jasmine go on a real date. Julia tries to teach Sydney a lesson about lying. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

PBS

Is There Sense in Cents?

NOVA

PBS 8:00 Are we wired to make money? Or to lose it? Tonight, the "Nova" episode "Mind Over Money" examines the role of psychology in finance, looking at the innate desire of people to "win" something, anything, even in the face of overwhelming evidence. The filmmakers even hold an auction where a $20 bill sells for $28. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Sports

The Simple Life

ESPN's 30 for 30 film series presents "Run Ricky Run," a documentary about NFL running back Ricky Williams. In 2004, amid rumors of marijuana use, Williams abandoned football and his Florida mansion for anonymity and a tent in Australia. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

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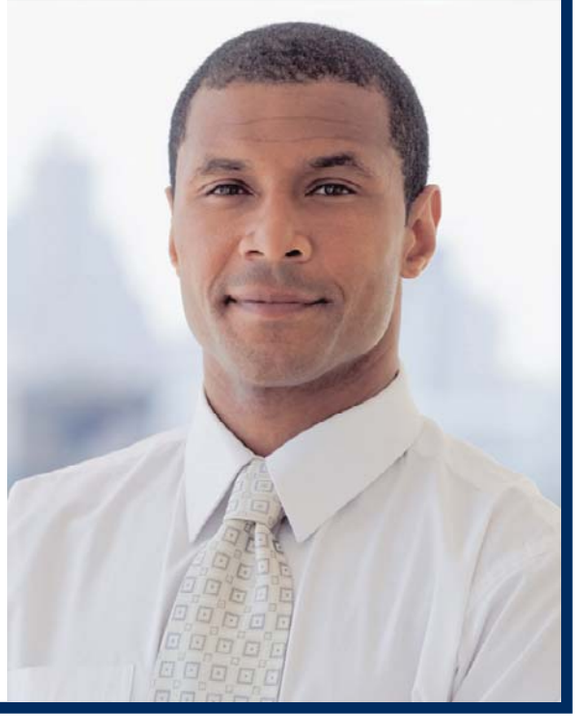

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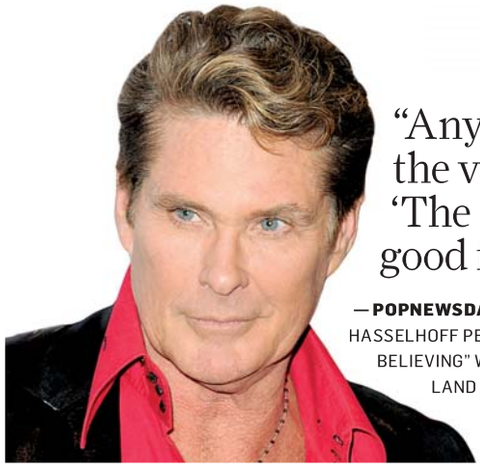

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Horoscope

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You and a friend can work out a way to help each other without treading on each other's autonomy or sense of accomplishment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may find yourself out of sync with public opinion at this time. Don't assume, however, that things are irrevocably affected as a result.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Make no assumptions about the behavior of another that seems at the very least irresponsible and at worst reckless.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) The bond you have with an old friend is likely to be highlighted, and a flood of memories is likely to steer your course for a time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Worry is not something you'll be able to diminish — especially when your concern is for those who can't readily help themselves.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You're likely to find precisely what you have been looking for, but the situation surrounding the discovery is not ideal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) It's time to face the music. Don't try to shrink from your responsibilities. Focus on that which speaks to you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Honesty is certainly the best policy, but, as usual, there is a time and place for everything. You'll know when to speak up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Crunching the numbers is likely to lead you to a major discovery that can affect your financial situation in surprising ways.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) A guarantee is not forthcoming at this time, but you are likely to forge ahead notwithstanding, confident that you can avoid danger.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) The difference between No. 1 and No. 2 is likely to be infinitesimal, but to you it is likely to matter a great deal.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You will have the chance to answer your critics in a way that not only silences them but also wins them over to your point of view.

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Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 200-210, BEST SCORE 281

								RACK 1
E1	I1	O1	R1	L1	S1	P3		
								RACK 2
E1	U1	U1	R1	Q10	S1	B3		
								RACK 3
E1	E1	I1	L1	P3	T1	S1	2nd Letter Double	
								RACK 4
A1	I1	Y4	H4	G2	S1	R1	Triple Word Score	

Yesterday's Solution

R1	E1	B3	I1	R1	T1	H4	RACK 1 = 62
D2	Y4	N1	A1	S1	T1	Y4	RACK 2 = 92
S1	M3	I1	L1	E1	Y4		RACK 3 = 11
P3	A1	R1	T1	O1	O1	K5	RACK 4 = 64

PAR SCORE 150-160 TOTAL 229

FOUR RACK TOTAL _____

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

Sudoku

MEDIUM

	2	9	8				1	3
					5			
			2	9		4		
6	1							
7			9	3	4			8
							3	5
		4		5	3			
			6					
5	3				9	7	2	

Yesterday's Solution

9	1	5	3	2	4	8	7	6
2	4	8	5	6	7	1	3	9
7	3	6	9	8	1	2	4	5
3	7	1	8	9	5	4	6	2
8	9	2	1	4	6	7	5	3
5	6	4	2	7	3	9	1	8
6	5	9	7	1	8	3	2	4
1	8	3	4	5	2	6	9	7
4	2	7	6	3	9	5	8	1

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Forecast

62 | 43

Today: Breezy today; a passing morning shower. Partly cloudy tonight.

64 | 46

Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and windy tomorrow. Mainly clear tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

THU	FRI	SAT
70 | 51	76 | 61	79 | 59

Sun and Moon
Sunrise today: 6:16 a.m.
Sunset today: 7:57 p.m.
Moonrise today: 7:27 p.m.
Moonset today: 5:17 a.m.

Almanac
Normal high: 70
Record high: 94
Normal low: 49
Record low: 34

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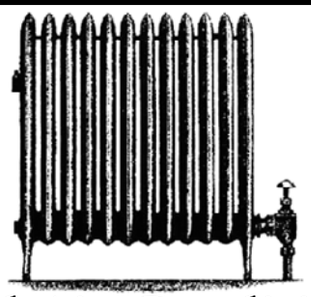

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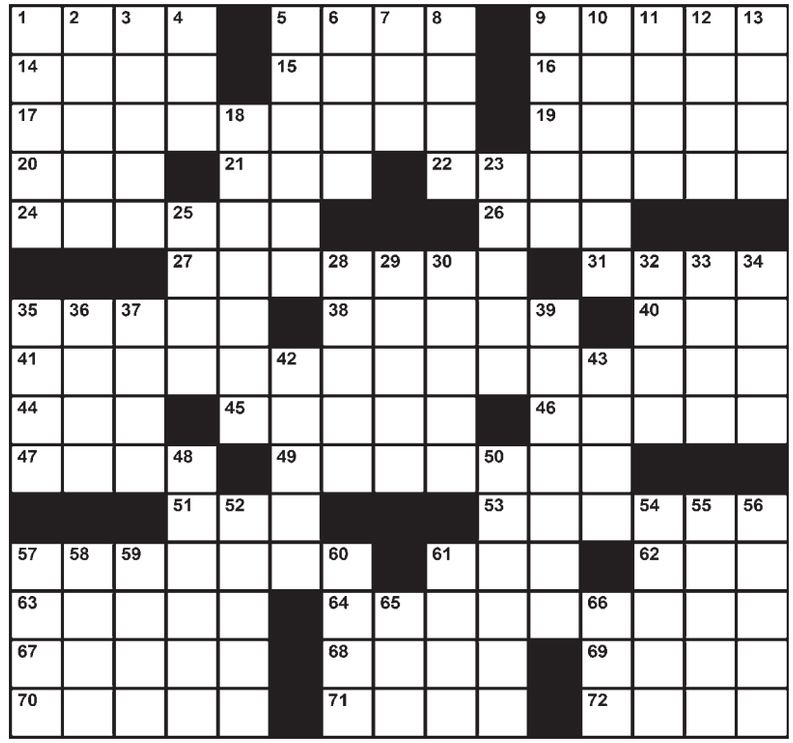

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ACROSS

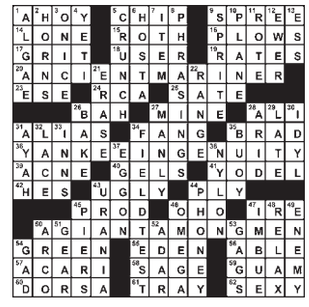
1 Mature fawn
5 Cheep accommodations?
9 Huge hit
14 Tough to get hold of
15 Just adequate
16 ___ Island, N.Y.
17 Fraternity rush period
19 Kicked in for a hand
20 Command to a firing squad
21 Get ___ of (discard)
22 Oceanic reflux
24 Collars
26 Eruption evidence
27 Poison antidotes
31 Baking instruction
35 Like a baby's position in the womb
38 Make immune
40 Vocalize displeasure
41 Sobriquet for Stallone
44 What causes Fred to be fired?
45 Japanese American
46 Approach to a pew
47 Weightlifter's powder
49 Dislikes intensely
51 Pint drink
53 Smaller than small, in dress sizes
57 Profess or claim
61 Golf standard
62 Muscle-building unit
63 Maternally related
64 Cocoa brand
67 Port authorities?
68 "Could I interject?"
69 Nobel Peace Center locale
70 Uses a swizzle stick
72 Casting requirements?
72 George Michael's old musical group

DOWN

1 French impressionist painter Edgar
2 Like a haunted house
3 Perfumery resin
4 Type of sandwich bread
5 Not in any way
6 ___ out a living (just got by)
7 Letter encl.
8 Tricycle rider
9 Strikebreakers
10 Trimester threesome
11 Nonsupporter
12 Farmer's purchase
13 Jekyll's alter ego
18 Moscow landmark
23 Port of Iraq
25 Ardour
28 On edge
29 Map part
30 ___ pie (little sweetheart)
32 Sacred bird of the pharaohs
33 April 1 victim
34 Speech subtlety
35 Italian car manufacturer
36 Sicilian tourist sight
37 Best part of the lobster
39 They'll give you a lift
42 Support person
43 Santa checks his twice, in song
48 Prisoners' opposite
50 Cramps, e.g.
52 Sandy deposit
54 From the Emerald Isle
55 Induction motor inventor Nikola
56 "Downs" or "salts" start
57 Parishioner's places
58 Part of CPU
59 Indian royal
60 Russian ruler of yore
61 Like the fabled piper
65 Horton heard one
66 Do a job that's paid by the yard

WHERE IN THE WORLD

Yesterday's Solution



Today in History

1521 Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan is killed in the Philippines.

1937 The Social Security system makes its first benefits payment.

2008 A woman missing since 1984 is found in Vienna, Austria, and tells authorities her father kept her in a cellar for almost 24 years.

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FUGITIVES

America's Least Wanted

Randy and Evi Quaid showed up in a Santa Barbara, Calif., courtroom two weeks late Monday and were arrested on outstanding warrants. The actor and his wife were ordered held on $100,000 bail and told to return for a hearing Wednesday. The couple have repeatedly failed to show up for hearings in a felony case alleging that they defrauded an inn out of more than $10,000. (AP)

PARENTING

'How Dare He Use His Daughters to Attract the Media? That's MY Job!'

Dina Lohan, mother of Lindsay and Ali Lohan, says her daughters will be getting restraining orders against their father. "It will happen immediately," she told Usmagazine.com. "My children are petrified of him." On Thursday, Michael Lohan showed up at Lindsay Lohan's apartment with police to check on Ali, who was staying with her sister. (EXPRESS)

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Weaponized Justin Bieber is a serious threat to national security. We hope it's not allowed on airplanes!

BOYS

Painful Crush

Thousands of teenagers, who spent the night camped outside a Sydney arena before a Justin Bieber concert, surged toward the venue Monday morning, sending at least eight girls to the hospital and injuring several more. Police canceled the performance after the swarm, which may have begun when rumors spread that the 16-year-old heartthrob had arrived early. (AP)

Dirtbag Digest

New Circle of Hell TBA

Jesse James was seen at his Huntington Beach, Calif., home on Monday, which suggests that he's left rehab, Radaronline.com reported. He took his daughters to school, then rode a motorcycle to work. James was not wearing his wedding ring. (EXPRESS)

SWEETHEARTS

Kerri Strug Would Totally Have Invited You If She'd Known You Wanted to Come!

Kerri Strug, the heroine of the 1996 Olympic Games, married her lawyer fiance in Tucson, Ariz., on Sunday, People.com reported. Strug wore a gown encrusted with more than 5,000 Swarovski crystals. Famed gymnastics coach Bela Karolyi was a guest. (EXPRESS)

"I felt I needed to reach out to you and tell you how deeply sorry I am for everything that you've been through."

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